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Mr. Wayne P. Claus
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Dear Wayne:

On June 16, 2003, I conducted an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at the National Plant Germplasm and Biotechnology Laboratory. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at your site. The suppression project conducted this past spring using Gypchek successfully provided foliage protection for the treatment area at the National Plant Germplasm and Biotechnology Laboratory. However, several areas of defoliation were detected on other nearby federal sites and are depicted in Figures 1-2 along with the gypsy moth treatment areas. This defoliation was not caused by gypsy moth but was caused by fall cankerworm, *Alsophila pometaria.*

We will be conducting a gypsy moth egg mass survey this fall at your site. I will coordinate this activity with you.

Please contact me at (304) 285-1555 if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

Rodney L. Whiteman

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